

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Lou Moscaritolo, Nancy Schroeder Perez, Steve Unger and Regina Wexler; Inland Wetlands Officer Ruth Mulcahy.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was recorded digitally and copies are available through Town Hall.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. Jay Buck/Applicant – Cathy McCann Buck/Owner – Map 09A – Block 105 – Lot 040A – 25 Aquatic Road – Repair Existing Stone Wall on Lake Shore. (Previous permit lapsed due to time constraints.)

Jay Buck appeared before the Commission regarding this application. Mr. Buck indicated that he had secured a permit already on proposed repairs to an existing stone wall but explained that it had expired. He reported that his contractor would be Jim Volovski and that he would be doing the same work as previously proposed. Noting that he had visited the site, Mr. Unger questioned whether the work is a repair or replacement. Mr. Buck indicated that it is a repair and that he would be repairing the wall on both the north and south sides. Mr. Buck confirmed that there is no cement there now. Noting that she had visited the site, Ms. Mulcahy noted that what is there currently is a gradual slope where the rocks come down to the water's edge. She explained to the Commission that what exists currently syncs with the recommendations for Shoreline Management whereas what is being proposed includes cement. Mr. Hall noted that it will not be cement-faced wall and will only include cement to secure the stones. Ms. Hall questioned how high the wall was.

Mr. Unger noted that he did not observe an existing wall to the south. Ms. Mulcahy concurred, noting it is a gradual slope. Pictures of the area from five years ago were reviewed.

Mr. Buck was asked to explain the advantages of building a wall versus leaving the shorefront in its current form. Mr. Buck indicated that it is in disrepair and makes walking into the water a challenge and that the repairs would make it look nice. Ms. Schroeder Perez questioned whether there were field stone steps and a dock to access the water.

Discussion of whether an application seeking to gain approval again after an expired permit should be held to the new regulations in effect ensued.

Consensus of most of the commissioners was that they don't have enough regulations and had concerns with the use of cement.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Wexler second, to deny the application in the matter of Jay Buck/Applicant – Cathy McCann Buck/Owner – Map 09A – Block 105 – Lot 040A – 25 Aquatic Road – Repair Existing Stone Wall on Lake Shore; Motion passed with Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Wexler, Mr. Moscaritolo voting aye while Mr. Unger and Mr. Hall were opposed and Ms. Hall abstained.

B. Dave Scaiscia/Applicant Phyllis W. Marcantonio, Trustee/Owner – Map 013 – Block 004 – Lot 19-6 – 279 East – 279 East Cotton Hill Road – Driveway Modification for an Existing Shared Driveway in an Upland Review Area.

It was noted that Ms. Mulcahy received an email from the applicant this date requesting that this matter be tabled until the November regular meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, to table the application in the matter of Dave Scaiscia/Applicant Phyllis W. Marcantonio, Trustee/Owner – Map 013 – Block 004 – Lot 19-6 – 279 East – 279 East Cotton Hill Road – Driveway Modification for an Existing Shared Driveway in an Upland Review Area to the next regular meeting; unanimously approved.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. Robin Cunningham/Applicant – Wells C. Jr. & Robin A. Cunningham/Owner – Map 014 – Block 021 – Lot 005 – 39 Maple Hollow Road – Move Shed.

Robin Cunningham appeared before this Commission regarding this application. She explained that she had been before the Zoning Board of Appeals where she had gained approval for a Special Exception for renovations to their home. As part of that approval, she noted she had agreed to move an existing shed to bring her lot towards zoning compliance. The spot that was determined that it should go necessitated approval from this Commission as it is within the upland review area of the Bakerville Brook. Ms. Mulcahy explained that the proposed location was based on her suggestion, noting that it is sitting on stone and that there has been no disturbance.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Hall second, to refer the application in the matter of Robin Cunningham/Applicant – Wells C. Jr. & Robin A. Cunningham/Owner – Map 014 – Block 021 – Lot 005 – 39 Maple Hollow Road – Move Shed for an agent determination; unanimously approved.

B. Jeffrey B. Steadman – Map 022 – Block 019 – Lot 004 – 210 Maple Hollow Road – River Bank Erosion Control.

Jeff Steadman of 210 Maple Hollow Road appeared before the Commission regarding this application. He explained that the south side of his property has suffered erosion due to the Nepaug River, noting that he has lost between six and eight feet since the time that he purchased it in 1996. Mr. Steadman reported that he has been awarded a federal grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Commission. He noted that the work will include planting conifer trees under the guidance of an engineer and should likely take only a week sometime between June 1st and September 30th.

It was noted that the installed stone area used for the Marwin Farm trailer will be added to the application and reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, to accept the application in the matter of Jeffrey B. Steadman – Map 022 – Block 019 – Lot 004 – 210 Maple Hollow Road – River Bank Erosion Control deeming the proposed activity as significant and to set a public hearing for the November 1, 2017 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

4. MEETING MINUTES – September 6, 2017:

MOTION: Ms. Wexler, Mr. Unger second, to approve the September 6, 2017 Minutes; Motion passed with Mr. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo, Ms. Schroeder Perez, Mr. Unger and Ms. Wexler voting aye while Ms. Hall abstained.

5. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Based on a request from a commissioner, Ms. Mulcahy provided a very brief update on her review of the application relative to 19 Shady Brook Road.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

None.

MOTION: Mr. Unger, Mr. Moscaritolo second, to adjourn at 7:56PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk